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To clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use of Federal funds  
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North Carolina, Mr. **TLAHRT**, Mr. **WAMP**, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. **WELDON** of Florida, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which **was** referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition, for a period ending not later than 30 calendar days after the Committee on Commerce reports to the House, to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Judiciary, Education and the **Workforce**, Government Reform and Oversight, **Resources**, and International Relations, in each **case** for consideration of **such** provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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## A BILL

To clarify Federal law with respect to restricting the use  
of Federal funds in support of assisted suicide.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; **TABLE** OF CONTENTS.

4        (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997”.

6        (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of **contents**.

Sec. 2. Findings and **purpose**.

Sec. 3. Restriction on **use** of Federal **funds** under health **care programs**.

Sec. 4. Restriction on use of Federal funds under **certain** grant programs under  
the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of **Rights**  
**Act**.

Sec. 5. **Restriction** on **use** of **Federal** funds by advocacy **programs**.

Sec. 6. Restriction on **use** of other Federal funds.

Sec. 7. Clarification with respect to advance directives.

Sec. 8. **Application** to District of Columbia.

Sec. 9. **Conforming** amendments.

Sec. 10. Relation to other laws.

Sec. 11. Effective date.

sec. 12. *Suicide prevention (including assisted suicide).*

1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Federal Government provides financial  
4 support for the provision of and payment for health  
5 care services, as well as for advocacy activities to  
6 protect the rights of individuals.

7 (2) Assisted suicide, euthanasia, and mercy kill-  
8 ing have been criminal offenses throughout the Unit-  
9 ed States and, under current law, it would be unlaw-  
10 ful to provide services in support of such illegal ac-  
11 tivities.

12 (3) Because of recent legal developments, it  
13 may become lawful in areas of the United States to  
14 furnish services in support of such activities.

15 (4) Congress is not providing Federal financial  
16 assistance in support of assisted suicide, euthanasia,  
17 and mercy killing and intends that Federal funds  
18 not be used to promote such activities.

19 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the principal purpose of this Act  
20 to continue current Federal policy by providing explicitly  
21 that Federal funds may not be used to pay for items and  
22 services (including assistance) the purpose of which is to  
23 cause (or assist in causing) the suicide, euthanasia, or  
24 mercy killing of any individual.

1 SEC. 3. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER  
2 HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.

3 (a) RESTRICTION ON FEDERAL FUN DING OF  
4 HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—Subject to subsection (b), no  
5 funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of paying  
6 (directly or indirectly) for the provision of health care  
7 services may be used—

8 (1) to provide any health care item or service  
9 furnished for the purpose of causing, or for the pur-  
10 pose of assisting in causing, the death of any indi-  
11 vidual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or  
12 mercy killing;

13 (2) to pay (directly, through payment of Fed-  
14 eral financial participation or other matching pay-  
15 ment, or otherwise) for such an item or service, in-  
16 cluding payment of expenses relating to such an  
17 item or service; or

18 (3) to pay (in whole or in part) for health bene-  
19 fit coverage that includes any coverage of such an  
20 item or service or of any expenses relating to such  
21 an item or service.

22 (b) CONSTRUCTION AND TREATMENT OF CERTAIN  
23 SERVICES.—Nothing in subsection (a), or in any other  
24 provision of this Act (or in any amendment made by this  
25 Act), shall be construed to apply to or to affect any limita-  
26 tion relating to—

1 (1) the withholding or withdrawing of medical  
2 treatment or medical care;

3 (2) the withholding or withdrawing of nutrition  
4 or hydration;

5 (3) abortion; or

6 (4) the use of an item, good, benefit, or service  
7 furnished for the purpose of alleviating pain or dis-  
8 comfort, even if such use may increase the risk of  
9 death, so long as such item, good, benefit, or service  
10 is not also furnished for the purpose of causing, or  
11 the purpose of assisting in causing, death, for any  
12 reason.

13 (c) **LIMITATION ON FEDERAL FACILITIES AND EM-**  
14 **PLOYEES.**—Subject to subsection (b), with respect to  
15 health care items and services furnished—

16 (1) by or in a health care facility owned or op-  
17 erated by the Federal government, or

18 (2) by any physician or other individual em-  
19 ployed by the Federal government to provide health  
20 care services within the scope of the physician's or  
21 individual's employment,

22 no such item or service may be furnished for the purpose  
23 of causing, or for the purpose of assisting in causing, the  
24 death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, eutha-  
25 nasia, or mercy killing.

1 (d) LIST OF PROGRAMS TO WHICH RESTRICTIONS  
2 APPLY.—

3 (1) FEDERAL HEALTH CARE FUNDING PRO-  
4 GRAMS.-Subsection (a) applies to funds appro-  
5 priated under or to carry out the following:

6 (A) MEDICARE PROGRAM.—Title XVIII of  
7 the Social Security Act.

8 (B) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Title XIX of  
9 the Social Security Act.

10 (C) TITLE XX SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK  
11 GRANT.—Title XX of the Social Security Act.

12 (D) MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH  
13 BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.—Title V of the Social  
14 Security Act.

15 (E) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—The  
16 Public Health Service Act.

17 (F) INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT  
18 ACT.—The Indian Health Care Improvement  
19 Act.

20 (G) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENE-  
21 FITS PROGRAM.—Chapter 89 of title 5, United  
22 States Code.

23 (H) MILITARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (IN-  
24 CLUDING TRICARE AND CHAMPUS PRO-

1 GRAMS).—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States  
2 Code.

3 (I) **VETERANS MEDICAL CARE.**—Chapter  
4 17 of title 38, United States Code.

5 (J) **HEALTH SERVICES FOR PEACE CORPS**  
6 **VOLUNTEERS**—Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps  
7 Act (22 U.S.C. 2504(e)).

8 (K) **MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FEDERAL**  
9 **PRISONERS.**—Section 4005(a) of title 18, Unit-  
10 ed States Code.

11 (2) **FEDERAL FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL.** -  
12 **The provisions of subsection (c) apply to facilities**  
13 **and personnel of the following:**

14 (A) **MILITARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**—  
15 **The Department of Defense operating under**  
16 **chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.**

17 (B) **VETERANS MEDICAL CARE.**—The Vet-  
18 **erans Health Administration of the Department**  
19 **of Veterans Affairs.**

20 (C) **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.**—The Pub-  
21 **lic Health Service.**

22 (3) **NONEXCLUSIVE LIST.**—Nothing in this sub-  
33 **section shall be construed as limiting the application**  
24 **of subsection (a) to the programs specified in para-**

1 graph (1) or the application of subsection (c) to the  
2 facilities and personnel specified in paragraph (2).

3 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER**  
4 **CERTAIN GRANT PROGRAMS UNDER THE DE-**  
5 **VELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ASSISTANCE**  
6 **AND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT.**

7 Subject to section 3(b) (relating to construction and  
8 treatment of certain services), no funds appropriated by  
9 Congress to carry out part B, D, or E of the Developmen-  
10 tal Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act may be  
11 used to support or fund any program or service which has  
12 a purpose of assisting in procuring any item, benefit, or  
13 service furnished for the purpose of causing, or the pur-  
14 pose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual,  
15 such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

16 **SEC. 5. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS BY AD-**  
17 **VOCACY PROGRAMS.**

18 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to section 3(b) (relating  
19 to construction and treatment of certain services), no  
20 funds appropriated by Congress may be used to assist in,  
21 to support, or to fund any activity or service which has  
22 a purpose of assisting in, or to bring suit or provide any  
23 other form of legal assistance for the purpose of—

24 (1) securing or funding any item, benefit, pro-  
2.5 gram, or service furnished for the purpose of caus-



1       **ing**, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the **sui-**  
2       **cide**, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual;

3           (2) compelling any person, institution, **govern-**  
4       mental entity to provide or fund any item, benefit,  
5       program, or service for such purpose; or

6           (3) asserting or advocating a legal right to  
7       cause, or to assist in causing, the suicide, **eutha-**  
8       nasia, or mercy killing of any individual.

9       (b) **LIST OF PROGRAMS TO WHICH RESTRICTIONS**  
10   **APPLY.—**

11           (1) **IN** GENERAL-subsection (a) applies to  
12       funds appropriated under or to carry out the follow  
13       ing:

14                   (A) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS**  
15                   **UNDER THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS-**  
16                   **SISTANCE AND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT.—Part C**  
17                   of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance  
18                   and Bill of Rights Act.

19                   **(B) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS**  
20                   **UNDER THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR**  
21                   **MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS ACT.—The Protec-**  
22                   tion and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals  
23                   **Act of 1986.**

24                   (C) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS**  
25                   **UNDER THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.—**

1           Section 509 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
2           (29 U.S.C. 794e).

3           (D) OMBUDSMAN PROGRAMS UNDER THE  
4           OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.—Ombudsman  
5           programs under the Older Americans Act of  
6           1965.

7           (E) LEGAL ASSISTANCE.—Legal assistance  
8           programs under the Legal Services Corporation  
9           Act.

10          (2) NONEXCLUSIVE LIST.—Nothing in this sub-  
11          section shall be construed as limiting the application  
12          of subsection (a) to the programs specified in para-  
13          graph (1).

14       SEC. 6. RESTRICTION ON USE OF OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS.

15          (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 3(b) (relating  
16          to construction and treatment of certain services) and sub-  
17          section (b) of this section, no funds appropriated by the  
18          Congress shall be used to provide, procure, furnish, or  
19          fund any item, good, benefit, activity, or service, furnished  
20          or performed for the purpose of causing, or assisting in  
21          causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any  
22          individual.

23          (b) NONDUPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall not  
24          apply to funds to which section 3, 4, or 5 applies, except  
25          that subsection (a), rather than section 3, shall apply to

1 funds appropriated to carry out title 10, United States  
2 Code (other than chapter 55), title 18, United States Code  
3 (other than section 4005(a)), and chapter 37 of title 28,  
4 United States Code.

5 **SEC. 7. CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO ADVANCE DI-**  
6 **RECTIVES.**

7 Subject to section 3(b) (relating to construction and  
8 treatment of certain services), sections 1866(f) and  
9 1902(w) of the Social Security Act shall not be con-  
10 strued—

11 (1) to require any provider or organization, or  
12 any employee of such a provider or organization, to  
13 inform or counsel any individual regarding any right  
14 to obtain an item or service furnished for the pur-  
15 pose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in caus-  
16 ing, the death of the individual, such as by assisted  
17 suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing; or

18 (2) to create any requirement with respect to a  
19 portion of an advance directive that directs the pur-  
20 poseful causing of, or the purposeful assisting in  
21 causing, the death of any individual, such as by as-  
22 sisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

23 **SEC. 8. APPLICATION TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

24 For purposes of this Act, the term “funds appro-  
25 priated by Congress” includes funds appropriated to the

1 District of Columbia pursuant to an authorization of ap-  
2 propriations under title V of the District of Columbia Self-  
3 Government and Governmental Reorganization Act and  
4 the term “Federal government” includes the government  
5 of the District of Columbia.

6 **SEC. 9. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**—

8 (1) **FUNDING.**—~~section~~ 1862(a) of the Social  
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)) is amended—

10 (A) by striking “or” at the end of para-  
11 graph (14);

12 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
13 paragraph (15) and inserting “; or”; and

14 (C) by inserting after paragraph (15) the  
15 following new paragraph:

16 “(16) in the case in which funds may not be  
17 used for such items and services under the Assisted  
18 Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

19 (2) **ADVANCEDIRECTIVES.**—Section 1866(f) of  
20 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(f)) is amended by add-  
21 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

22 “(4) For construction relating to this subsection, see  
23 section 7 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act  
24 of 1997 (relating to clarification respecting assisted sui-  
25 cide, euthanasia, and mercy killing).”.

1 (b) ~~MEDICAID~~ PROGRAM.--

2 (1) FUNDING.-Section 1903(i) of the Social  
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended-

4 (A) by striking "or" at the end of para-  
5 graph (14);

6 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
7 paragraph (15) and inserting "; or"; and

8 (C) by inserting after paragraph (15) the  
9 following new paragraph:

10 "(16) with respect to any amount expended for  
11 which funds may not be used under the Assisted  
12 Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997."

13 (2) ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.-Section 1902(w) of  
14 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(w)) is amended by add-  
15 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

16 "(5) For construction relating to this subsection, see  
17 section 7 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act  
18 of 1997 (relating to clarification respecting assisted sui-  
19 cide, euthanasia, and mercy killing)."

20 (e) ~~TITLE XX BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.~~—Section  
21 2005(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397d(a))  
22 is amended—

23 (1) by striking "or" at the end of paragraph

24 (8):

1 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
2 graph (9) and inserting “; or”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(10) in a manner inconsistent with the As-  
sisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

6 (d) MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT  
7 PROGRAM.—Section 501(a) of the Social Security Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 701(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “Funds appropriated under this section may only be used  
11 in a manner consistent with the Assisted Suicide Funding  
12 Restriction Act of 1997.”.

13 (e) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.—Title II of the  
14 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is  
15 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
16 section:

17 “SEC. 246. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ASSISTED  
18 SUICIDE, EUTHANASIA, AND MERCY KILLING.

19 “Appropriations for carrying out the purposes of this  
20 Act shall not be used in a manner inconsistent with the  
21 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

22 (f) INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT.—  
23 Title II of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25  
24 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
2.5 the following new section:

1 "LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS

2 "SEC. 225. Amounts appropriated to carry out this  
3 title may not be used in a manner inconsistent with the  
4 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997."

5 (g) **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFIT PRO-**  
6 **GRAM.**—Section 8902 of title 5, United States Code, is  
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 "(o) A contract may not be made or a plan approved  
9 which includes coverage for any benefit, item, or service  
10 for which funds may not be used under the Assisted Sui-  
11 cide Funding Restriction Act of 1997."

12 (h) **MILITARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.**—Section  
13 1073 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by add-  
14 ing at the end the following: "This chapter shall be admin-  
15 istered consistent with the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-  
16 striction Act of 1997."

17 (i) **VETERANS' MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM . -**

18 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter I of chapter 17  
19 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-  
20 ing at the end the following new section:

21 **"§ 1707. Restriction on use of funds for assisted sui-**  
22 **cide, euthanasia, or mercy killing**

23 "Funds appropriated to carry out this chapter may  
24 not be used for purposes that are inconsistent with the  
25 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997."

1           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2           tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
3           by inserting after the item relating to section 1706  
4           the following new item:

          “1707. **Restriction on use of funds for assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy  
          killing.**”.

5           (j) **HEALTH CARE PROVIDED FOR PEACE CORPS**  
6 **VOLUNTEERS.**—Section 5(e) of the Peace Corps Act (22  
7 U.S.C. 2504(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8           lowing “Health care may not be provided under this sub-  
9           section in a manner inconsistent with the Assisted Suicide  
10          Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

11          (k) **MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FEDERAL PRIS-**  
12 **ONERS.**—Section 4005(a) of title 18, United States Code,  
13 is amended by inserting “and to the extent consistent with  
14 the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997”  
15 after “Upon request of the Attorney General”.

16          (l) **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND BILL OF**  
17 **RIGHTS AC T.** -

18           (1) **STATE PLANS REGARDING DEVELOPMENTAL**  
19 **DISABILITIES COUNCILS.**-Section 122(c)(5)(A) of  
20 the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of  
21 Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 6022(c)(5)(A)) is amended—  
22           (A) in clause (vi), by striking “and” after  
23           the semicolon at the end;



1 (B) in clause (vii), by striking the period  
2 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following  
4 clause:

5 “(viii) such funds will be used consist-  
6 ent with the section 4 of the Assisted Sui-  
7 cide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

8 (2) LEGAL ACTIONS BY PROTECTION AND AD-  
9 VOCACY SYSTEMS.—Section 142(h) of such Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 6042(h)) is amended by adding at the end  
11 the following new paragraph:

12 “(3) LIMITATION.—The systems may only use  
13 assistance provided under this chapter consistent  
14 with section 5 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-  
15 striction Act of 1997.”.

16 (3) UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED PROGRAMS.—Sec-  
17 tion 152(b)(5) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 6062(b)(5))  
18 is amended by adding at the end the following:  
19 “Such grants shall not be used in a manner incon-  
20 sistent with section 4 of the Assisted Suicide Fund-  
21 ing Restriction Act of 1997.”.

22 (4) GRANTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.—Sec-  
23 tion 162(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 6082(c)) is  
24 amended—

1           (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-  
2           graph (4),

3           (B) by striking the period at the end of  
4           paragraph (5) and inserting “; and”, and

5           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
6           paragraph:

7           “(6) the applicant provides assurances that the  
8           grant will not be used in a manner inconsistent with  
9           section 4 of the Assisted Suicide Funding Restric-  
10          tion Act of 1997.”.

11          (m) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR MENTALLY**  
12 **ILL INDIVIDUALS ACT OF 1986.**—Section 105(a) of the  
13 **Protection and Advocacy for Menially Ill Individuals Act**  
14 **of 1986 (42 USC. 10805(a)) is amended—**

15           (1) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the  
16           end;

17           (2) in paragraph (9), by striking the period and  
18           inserting “; and”; and

19           (3) by adding at the end thereof the following  
20           new paragraph:

21           “(10) not use allotments provided to a system  
22           in a manner inconsistent with section 5 of the As-  
23           sisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

24          (n) **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEMS UNDER**  
25 **THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.**—Section 509(f) of

1 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e(f)) is  
2 amended-

3 (1) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” after  
4 the semicolon at the end;

5 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at  
6 the end and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following para-  
8 graph:

9 “(8) not use allotments provided under this sec-  
10 tion in a manner inconsistent with section 5 of the  
11 Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997.”.

12 (o) OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.—Title VII of  
13 the Older Americans Act of 1965 is amended by adding  
14 at the end the following new section:

15 “SEC. 765. FUNDING LIMITATION.

16 “Funds provided under this title may not be used in  
17 a manner inconsistent the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-  
18 striction Act of 1997.”.

19 (p) LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM.—Section 1007(b) of  
20 the Legal Services Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 2996f(b))  
21 is amended-

22 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph  
23 (9);

24 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
25 graph (10) and inserting “; or”; and

1 (3) by adding after paragraph (10) the follow-  
2 ing:

3 “(11) to provide legal assistance in a manner  
4 inconsistent with the Assisted Suicide Funding Re-  
5 striction Act of 1997.”.

6 (q) ~~C O N S T R U C T I O N O N~~ **CONFORMING** ~~A M E N D -~~  
7 **MENTS.**—The fact that a law is not amended under this  
8 section shall not be construed as indicating that the provi-  
9 sions of this Act do not apply to such a law.

10 **SEC. 10. RELATION TO OTHER LAWS.**

11 The provisions of this Act supersede other Federal  
12 laws (including laws enacted after the date of the enact-  
13 ment of this Act) except to the extent such laws specifi-  
14 cally supersede the provisions of this Act.

15 **SEC. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 (a) ~~I N~~ **GENERAL.**— The provisions of this Act (and  
17 the amendments made by this Act) take effect upon its  
18 enactment and apply, subject to subsection (b), to Federal  
19 payments made pursuant to obligations incurred after the  
20 date of the enactment of this Act for items and services  
21 provided on or after such date.

22 (b) **APPLICATION TO CONTRACTS.**—such provisions  
23 shall apply with respect to contracts entered into, renewed,  
24 or extended after the date of the enactment of this Act

1 and shall also apply to a contract entered into before such  
2 date to the extent permitted under such contract.

3 **SEC. 12. SUICIDE PREVENTION (INCLUDING ASSISTED SUI-**  
4 **CIDE).**

5 **(a) PURPOSE.--The purpose of this section is to reduce**  
6 **the rate of suicide (including assisted suicide) among per-**  
7 **sons with disabilities or terminal or chronic illness by fur-**  
8 **thering knowledge and practice of pain management, de-**  
9 **pression identification and treatment, and issues related to**  
10 **palliative care and suicide prevention.**

11 **(b) RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. -**  
12 **Section 781 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.**  
13 **295) is amended—**

14 **(1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection**  
15 **(f); and**

16 **(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following**  
17 **new subsection:**

18 **“(e) RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON**  
19 **SUICIDE PREVENTION (INCLUDING ASSISTED SUICIDE). -**

20 **“(1) RESEARCH.—The Secretary may make**  
21 **grants to and enter into contracts with public and**  
22 **private entities for conducting research intended to**  
23 **reduce the rate of suicide (including assisted suicide)**  
24 **among persons with disabilities or terminal or chron-**

1       ic illness. *The Secretary shall give preference to re-*  
2       *search that aims-*

3               “(A) to assess the quality of care received by  
4       *patients with disabilities or terminal or chronic*  
5       *illness by measuring and reporting specific out-*  
6       *comes;*

7               “(B) to compare coordinated health care  
8       *(which may include coordinated rehabilitation*  
9       *services, symptom control, psychological support,*  
10       *and community-based support services) to tradi-*  
11       *tional health care delivery systems; or*

12              “(C) to advance biomedical knowledge of  
13       *pain management.*

14              “(2) *TRAINING.—The Secretary may make*  
15       *grants and enter into contracts to assist public and*  
16       *private entities, schools, academic health science cen-*  
17       *ters, and hospitals in meeting the costs of projects in-*  
18       *tended to reduce the rate of suicide (including assisted*  
19       *suicide) among persons with disabilities or terminal*  
20       *or chronic illness. The Secretary shall give preference*  
21       *to qualified projects that will-*

22              “(A) train *health care practitioners in pain*  
23       *management, depression identification and treat-*  
24       *ment, and issues related to palliative care and*  
25       *suicide prevention;*

1           “(B) *train the faculty of health professions*  
2           *schools in pain management, depression identi-*  
3           *fication and treatment, and issues related to pal-*  
4           *liative care and suicide prevention; or*

5           “(C) *develop and implement curricula re-*  
6           *garding disability issues, including living with*  
7           *disabilities, living with chronic or terminal ill-*  
8           *ness, attendant and personal care, assistive tech-*  
9           *nology, and social support services.*

10          “(3) *DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—The Sec-*  
11          *retary may make grants to and enter into contracts*  
12          *with public and nonprofit private entities for the pur-*  
13          *pose of conducting demonstration projects that will,—*

14               “(A) *reduce restrictions on access to hospice*  
15               *programs; or*

16               “(B) *fund home health care services, com-*  
17               *munity living arrangements, and attendant care*  
18               *services.*

19          “(4) *PALLIATIVE MEDICINE.—% Secretary*  
20          *shall emphasize palliative medicine among its fund-*  
21          *ing and research priorities.”.*

22          “(c) *REPORT BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE.—Not*  
23          *later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,*  
24          *the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit*  
25          *to the Congress a report providing an assessment of pro-*

1 grams under ***subsection (e) of section 781 of the Public***  
***2 Health Service Act (as added by subsection (b) of this sec-***  
***3 tion) to conduct research, provide training, and develop***  
***4 curricula and of the curricula offered and used by schools***  
***5 of medicine and osteopathic medicine in pain management,***  
***6 depression identification and treatment, and issues related***  
***7 to palliative care and suicide prevention. The purpose of***  
***8 the assessment shall be to determine the extent to which such***  
***9 programs have furthered knowledge and practice of pain***  
***10 management, depression identification and treatment, and***  
***11 issues related to palliative care and suicide prevention.***